This Year's Theme: Construction, Renovation and Change, Change, Change!

Nicole Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Walk anywhere on campus these first few days back and you’ll see the abundance of construction vehicles rolling around. And some infrequent of trim, many outside of Keith and Canfield and a few others thrown about campus for good measure. Look closer and you’ll notice the renovations that have taken place. For instance, if you sit in a chair in the Reynolds Dining area, and push your chair out, it doesn’t make that horrible scraping noise when the chair catches the carpet, but a nice new carpet it is.

Your first stroll though the library of the semester, by anyone but the freshmen, will warrant a few seconds to adjust to the newly barren scene of continued on page 2

Day One. + 30 years

One Ugrad gone professor talks about his first days at Babson College

George Recck
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It will be 30 years this coming Saturday since I arrived at Babson for my freshman orientation. First year students had not yet been invented. And, the drinking age was still 18 until the following January. The odd thing here was that my roommate who turned 18 in November could legally drink for about 50 days and then could not legally drink again until the following November. Being naive pretty much comes with the territory for incoming students. I remember one of my roommates – I had FOUR my first semester – going to bed at 8:00 pm the first night. Well, I was pretty tired after my long drive all the way from Connecticut, so, I went to bed shortly after around 9:00 pm. What I did not realize was that my roommate had just flown in from Sweden and was pretty jet-lagged, and I was just a goof.

My first dorm room (residence halls were just invented that year) was on the third floor in Coleman North. It was actually an old classroom with those old long florescent lights and real blackboard. We were supposed to have six people in that room, but we started out with only five. A few commuter students showed up with their parents, looked at the room, and promptly walked out. We were actually down to three for a while until we rescued the aforementioned roommate above from the four-man room next door moving him into our room around midnight one night. Residential Life didn’t really care about what we did up there as long as we did not burn the building down. In fact, we were almost convinced that they did not know we were even up there.

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The Pub on Pub night watching a movie, which I believe, was the officially sponsored "Pom Pom Girls". Well, he sauntered back to the room around 10:30 and asked if anyone had called. I told him that his mother called and he responded, "What did you tell her?" I said that I had told her that he was down at the Pub watching a movie. He freaked out and said, "You idiot, she thinks I am studying!!" The ironic thing here is that if I was at the Pub on a Wednesday and my mother called, she would have said, "Good, I'm glad he's not studying all of the time!" Believe it or not, one of my roommates and I wanted to squat our rooms and stay in Coleman North for our sophomore year, but we got booted. I believe the official Res. Life term was "displaced". They re-did all of Coleman North and made it an all women's dorm, which did not ease our pain any. Oh, did I mention that the cost of Coleman North back then was $660 for the year.
Babson implements Modified Honor Code

The College began its first year with a modified Honor Code this year, after having the now disbanded Undergraduate Decision Making Body approve the final motion last Fall.

The Babson Modified Honor Code has officially been implemented this year. Starting the year off with green wristbands as seen above, the school is familiarizing the campus with the Code vigorously. Students also confirmed they’re adherence to the Honor Code as they signed onto portal this week. Students could not continue to the portal without having electronically signed their oath. Photo courtesy of Jasmine Brodryer.
Babson Free Press

Summer Time and the Living is Free

Impress your friends and professors by sounding like you read newspapers!

By Robin Messersi
Senior Editor

You know the date and time that Michael Phelps with his 23 gold medals in Beijing. You know that Angelina Jolie gave birth to twins. You might even know about a few back-channel talks here and there in the US this summer. Of those you who hate following the news because it's too depressing, I've compiled a lowdown on what you probably weren't paying attention to during the summer months of 2008.

Now, with this two-part article, you can read yourself of a few headlines from the break without overwhelming yourself.

**July 10 - 23**

On the 10th of May this year, controversial humanitarian Dalia Yagil of the B'Tselem, would have turned 83 years old. She died February 21, 1985. May 20th brough an announcement from the Pentagon that another 42,000 total troops would soon be deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. On Wednesday the 21st, Ted Kennedy was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He's been fighting since. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull was released in theaters on the 22nd and has grossed over 170 million dollars to date.

On May 22nd, the UN declares that the conditions created by the summer food crisis violate basic human rights. Chocow on dogs all summer and feel bad? Go to www.FreeRice.org

**May 26 - June 25**

On the 26th of May was Memorial Day. Have a day off. On the 27th, we learned that actor, director, and producer, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia’s (FARC) number 1, Manuel Marulanda, was killed at the age of 70. On May 28th, Scott McClellan got some attention over his book, and the BBC reported that Nepal was going to be set up a new constitution. On Thursday, China is shaken by the Sichuan earthquake. Over the weekend, the BBC reported fighting breaking out in Sri Lanka between the army forces and the rebel groups. Tamil Tigers.

**June 2 - 23**

This year on June 2nd, Australia began to withdraw troops from Iraq. On the 23rd, Barack Obama secured the necessary delegations for the Democratic Nomination. John McCain had become the GOP pre

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OY announced that it was to close four US and Egyptian plants in the United States. June 5th brought the news that Luis Ocampo of the International Criminal Court would implicate top Sudanese officials for the humanitarian crisis in Darfur. On Friday, CNN reported that price of a barrel of crude oil hit a new record of 138.54 US dollars.

On the 10th, Senator Hillary Clinton endorsed Barack Obama over the weekend, and 26 people were killed on the 9th during increasing clashes in Somalia. On the 10th, Senator Kucinich introduced an article in hopes to impeach President Bush. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, has since stated that the summer's investigations into the Bush administration would not be too impor-

**June 16 - 20**

On the 16th of June, same-sex couples flied to California, where they were legally granted marriage licenses. Days after, 1000 prisoners escaped Kandahar prison, seven nearby Afghan villages were seized by the Taliban on June 17th. The middle of June brought major floods and devastation to the Midwest US states, as well as to parts of China. On the 19th of June, local and homes began a cessation at Gaza. European Union sanctions on Cuba were lifted on the 20th, while two hedge-fund managers at Bear Stearns were charged for hiding information before its collapse.

**June 23 - 27**

On the 27th, the Supreme Court rejected the ban on hirudin in DC. June 30th to July 4th

Wildfires struck California on the 30th of June, and Iraq opened its oil fields to foreign firms on the first of July. On July 3rd, President Bush of the International Criminal Court with counts of murder, crimes against humanity, and genocide. Many believe this will fulfill the same issues on the ground in Darfur. Others say that it will be working after 5 years of mass killings.

**July 14 - 18**

Let's just bust out the next two weeks! I feel you getting restless. On Monday, the Red Cross will be going to Goteo as torture. On Tuesday, Bush lifted the ban on offshore drilling. On Wednesday, the US and Russia began diplomatic talks with Iran.

**July 21 - 25**

On Monday, a Mexican immigrant was shot to death in Pennsylvania. On Tuesday, Bosnian Serb leader. Rediculous. Abdullah's arrested. On Wednesday, Bush declared that, Wall-Street got drunk. On Thursday, an oil tanker spilled near New Orleans, and on Friday in Argentina, Luciano Benjamín Menéndez, former army com-

Still don't think the summer break was long enough? That was only half of June. There's one headline per day, and I gave you the weekends off. I've never understood people that say that the summer is the slow season for news. Lower ratings mean everyone's at the beach, not that nothing is happening. Maybe it's just because I'm slightly less preoccupied with school work in these months that anything seems to happen in the spring and before the fall.

Have I missed a headline that you think is important? Do you have any idea why? Fill in on your favorite newspaper from the first half of the summer by writing me at babsonfreepress@gmail.com. And make sure to come back next week when you'll get another happy piece of news for parag.
The Ongoing of the First Week of the 2008 Fall Semester at Babson College

Sunday - August 31, 2008
Residence Halls Open at 6:00AM for Returning Undergraduates
Close
Contact Name: Donna Dubraski
Contact Phone: 5438
Added By: Donna Dubraski
Residence Halls Open at 8:00AM for Returning Undergraduates
9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Monday - September 1, 2008
Labor Day Open Welcome Brunch
Description: A welcome brunch for new and returning students and their families to kick off the Fall Semester
Location: Alumni Hall Patio
Added By: Lisa Baro
Employee Coffee
9:00 AM -10:00 AM

Senior Class Meeting
Description: Meeting for all seniors. You will receive important information regarding Babson Career Connections, your updated degree checklist, a list of outstanding coursework and important dates that will help you get to commencement 2009.
Location: Gerri Randlett Contact Phone: 44322
Sponsor: Academic Services Location: Scooner Theater
Added By: Gerri Randlett Senior Class Meeting
9:00 AM -10:00 AM

World MBA Tour
URL: http://www.babson.com/mba_faa...
Contact Name: Jillian Cone Contact Phone: 6139
Location: Mexico City, Mexico Added By: Jillian Cone
World MBA Tour
6:00 PM -9:00 PM

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URL: http://www.babson.com/mba_faa...
Contact Name: Jillian Cone Contact Phone: 6139
Location: Cancun, Mexico Added By: Jillian Cone
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Thursday - September 4, 2008
Babson Investment Management Association
Description: The Babson Investment Management Association (BIMA) holds its first meeting of the 2008-2009 year. Officers will be elected. Nominations are not required. Come prepared to present your preparation and qualifications to be a BIMA officer.
URL: http://www.babson.edu/academy...
Contact Name: Julie Blazer
Contact Phone: 761-397-5518
Sponsor: Steven Pender
Location: Ohlin Hall, Room 101 Added By: Rob Ruffin
Babson Investment Management Association
5:00 PM -8:00 PM

CAB Welcome Back Pub Night
Description: CAB sponsors a fun-filled WELCOME BACK at Roger's Pub. Please bring proper ID.
Contact Name: Samantha Chapman
Contact Phone: X4438
Sponsor: CAB
Location: Roger's Pub Added By: Erica Roach
CAB Welcome Back Pub Night
10:00 PM -11:00 PM

Friday - September 5, 2008
Organization Carnival
Description: Come check out all that Babson student organizations and clubs have to offer!
Contact Name: Vanessa Loebinger
Contact Phone: X4438
Sponsor: SGA
Location: Hollister Parking Lot Added By: Erica Roach
Organization Carnival
4:00 PM -7:00 PM
Ask the TV Snob Expert
Amada Medin

Your burning TV-related questions answered by Babson’s own TV snob—ask it all.

I love Pushing Daisies! Are there any other shows like it that I can watch while it is on hiatus?

—Erica A

Why yes, there are, Erica! The man who created Pushing Daisies, Bryan Fuller, has created several more shows that have similar plots with quirky characters and a hint of supernatural. My personal favorite of his is the show Dead Like Me. You’ve probably never heard of it since it was on the air sometime around 2 years ago and was only on for two seasons. But what a great two seasons those were. The story revolves around a girl named George (played by Ellen Muth), who gets hit by a tour bus and dies at the age of 18. She then becomes a reaper and her job is to take the souls of people right before they die. Dead Like Me doesn’t have the same fairy-tale feel that Pushing Daisies does, but it definitely has interesting characters, wit, and a great plot. However, like its intelligent shows, it was canceled before its time. Bryan Fuller’s other show is Wonderfalls Intelligent Check. Why Check. Aired on FOX! Check. Canceled! Wonderfalls is about a Generation Y slacker who is using his degree from Brown to work in a gift shop in Niagara Falls. Out of nowhere, God starts talking to her through toy animals, making her do menial tasks that end up helping her loved ones and random strangers alike. Most of the time, though, hijinks ensue before the good deed is apparent, which is why the entertaining part of the show lies. While Wonderfalls only had four episodes aired, there were 13 episodes made in total, which by incredibly quickly but actually wrap up satisfactorily. Both Dead Like Me and Wonderfalls are available on DVD, and both are as good, if not better, than Pushing Daisies. Please tell me Friday Night Lights is coming back next season!—Pat M.

YES IT IS!!! It was a close call, and it’s not coming back in the way you are used to seeing it. However, it will be back! We aren’t done with Riggins and Lylas, Saracen, Tyra, Coach and Tam, Tyra, and all the other wonderful character we know and love. The only thing is unless you have DirecTV, you won’t be able to watch it live. You’ll still be able to see it on NBC.com every week, and they’ll also play the reruns on NBC. And remember; clear eyes, full hearts, can’t lose!

Don’t you love Michael on American Idol?—Liz B. Believe it or not, I hate American Idol with a passion. Hall, to me, is sitting through 20 minutes of that show. So no, I don’t love Michael. I hate him for the sheer mistake of appearing on American Idol.

Is it true that Addison is coming back to settle in Dallas this season?—Amanda B. (Spoiler Alert) Yes, it’s true. Since Private Practice isn’t going back into production until fall, Kate Walsh found herself with some extra time on her hands and is using that time to return to her old stomping ground on Grey’s Anatomy. She will be in at least one of the five episodes Grey’s is set to air in April and May. Don’t get your hopes up though, since it won’t be a permanent stay however much we all wish it would be.

30 Rock is the funniest show I have ever seen! Will you please tell people to watch it?—Eliana M. WATCH 30 ROCK! NBC Thursdays at 8:30-9:30. You won’t regret it.

I just finished watching Joan of Arcadia and the ending sucked. Did the show not know it was coming back for another season? Also, why was the second season for the most part so bad?—Matt J. Joan of Arcadia had no idea it would not be renewed. The premise were good, but the critical acclaim was good, and they even found their niche in the Friday night time slot. However as I’ve already stated, many times in this column, good television always gets canceled. CBS was developing Ghost Whisperer at the time, and an exact quote from a CBS rep was, “GHOSTS skew younger than America’s Joan of Arcadia was an older-skewing show, they canned it in favor of Jennifer Love Hewitt in skimpy outfits. As far as part two of your question, there definitely was a sophomore slump for this show. However, that is a common theme among shows that have first seasons that are critically renowned for being nearly perfect, and the show was just starting to get back to its former glory when it was axed. I personally would have loved to see where the whole Wentworth Miller/Amber Tamblyn showdown would have played out. And I really wanted a happier ending for Joan and Adam! But I guess we’ll never know...

This is not an exact quote, but rather an impression of what was most likely said in a CBS board meeting.

And just to leave things on a good note, here is a fun fact: The Simpsons’ hometown of Springfield was named after series creator Matt Groening’s hometown of Springfield, Oregon. They decided to name it Springfield since all 50 of the United States have a city named Springfield, and therefore it adds to the illusion that The Simpsons could take place literally anywhere in the United States.

Do you have an itchy television-related question to ask? Want to know where the cast of your fave show is now, or if House and Cuddy will ever get together, or even what happened last week on How I Met Your Mother? Email all your questions to amedin@babson.edu and be sure to check the Free Press every week for the answers!

Editor’s note: Ew! House and Cuddy’s history is all in the past. They’re never doing it again.
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Website of the Week

The Babson Free Press Staff

Traditionally, the Babson Free Press features a cool, web 2.0 style website. This section of the paper every week, focuses on the Website of the Week. This week, we've decided that it would be best for freshmen to get the done on the library website [it wouldn't hurt for those not freshmen to refresh their library knowledge].

You're encouraged to see an introduction to the library sometime soon in between many of your classes. So consider this class prep if you will. You'll be a hit in all those library contexts.

With feedback from the student body, the library has revamped the website to make it easier to search and get help. Under the tab & Resource, the library now sorts out favorite databases and how each can be used.

Another cool feature includes being able to chat with a librarian on Facebook, (Aim), if ever you need help navigating the website. Our anonymous member of the Class of 2008 was quoted as saying "Ohhh, man! I'm so upset the library didn't have this when I was an undergraduate here!"

- Anonymous member of the Class of 2008

Library & Center Hours

Sun. 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Mon. - Fri. 12:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Sat. - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Good luck!

Athletic Calendar

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Babson Athletic Information

Due to student demand, the Babson Athletic Information now, which goes into effect this semester, is as follows:

Webster Center
Monday-Thursday: 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: Noon - 11 p.m.

Morse Swimming Center
Monday-Friday: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lunder Fitness Center
Monday-Thursday: 6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday: 6 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Noon - 10:30 p.m.
A short step by step recap of the Upper Quad changes over the summer.

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